



153 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702

Fall 2014

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

*I*t was another great summer in Babylon Village and along the Great South Bay. Once again our streets looked beautiful and there were many new additions and improvements throughout the Village. The Lewis Pond marina is looking terrific with its new bulkheading, boat slips, fencing and refurbished play area. Eagle Scout projects provided a fresh coat of paint for the playground equipment and benches there, as well as the planting of beach grass at the pool to prevent erosion and the installation of new benches at the Stowe Avenue Playground. We are very appreciative of the time and effort involved in these Eagle Scout projects and the way they continue to enhance the Village.

On July 20th the Babylon Fire Department dedicated a new 2013 Spartan Emergency Response Vehicle, which replaced a 1987 Pierce Pumper. They have also purchased a new water truck in preparation for hurricane season, as well as a new pickup truck for calls to enhance protection of our area beaches. In addition, the Village has recently acquired the property at the end of Araca Road in our ongoing efforts to protect and preserve our shoreline.

Our swimming and recreations programs were once again well-attended. These programs are a vital part of what makes our Village such a special place to live in the summer. They provide respite, entertainment and instruction for residents as well as employment for many of our teens. Over 50 young people were employed over the summer to help with our highway, parks, greenhouse, pool and recreation programs. For many, it is their first working experience and we are pleased to be able to offer this valuable learning opportunity to them.

As we head into fall, many exciting seasonal events come our way. These include the Babylon Beautification Society's *Country Fair* on September 7, the ever-popular *Apples & Art Festival* on October 18, run under the auspices of Trustee Debbie Basile, and the Chamber of Commerce's *Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair*, also on October 18. Check the Calendar of Events on the back page of this newsletter for the dates of these activities and more.

Please continue to keep the brave men and women of our Armed Forces in your hearts and prayers as they put themselves in harm's way in order to insure our way of life. Also remember their families stateside who worry about them every day they are away. In addition, let's all remember that there remains a significant number of residents still working tirelessly in an effort to move back into their homes from the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Let's continue to help them in any way we can.

On behalf of the Village Trustees – Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Deborah Basile and Carol Amelia – I send good wishes for health, happiness, and humor to all and encourage you to enjoy the many events coming up. Please let us know of any concerns you may have regarding the Village. Your comments are always welcome and help us make sure Babylon Village is the best it can be.

## SEPTEMBER 7 COUNTRY FAIR

The Babylon Beautification Society's 41st Annual *Country Fair* will be held on Sunday, September 7th from 9AM-5PM. Over 250 craft vendors offering a wide array of items will surround Argyle Lake. In the gazebo area, opening ceremonies will begin at 12PM with entertainment throughout the afternoon, food and drink concessions and a Country Store offering cheese and fresh vegetables. Children's games and activities will be across the canal. Admission is FREE. Raindate: Sunday, September 14.

### Catch a free ride on the trolley!



A **FREE** trolley, sponsored by the Village, will run continuously during fair hours, starting at the fairgrounds and running:

- east on Main Street to Deer Park Avenue
- north on Deer Park Avenue to Railroad Avenue
- cross Railroad Avenue by the LIRR station
- south on N. Carll Avenue to Main Street
- west by the fairgrounds to Tappan Avenue
- circle through Nehring Avenue
- come back out on Main Street
- head east back to Deer Park Avenue

The trolley will stop at all regular bus stops as well as at two spots along the front of the fairgrounds.

## S.T.O.P. DAY

*T*rustee **Anthony Davida** would like to inform residents that Saturday, September 27th is the next scheduled S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) day. This is a great opportunity to clean out basements and garages of all potentially toxic materials (paint, aerosol cans, pesticides, medications, motor oil, etc.). Bring your items to the Babylon Village Highway Department on Carlson Avenue between 9AM and 12PM so that all hazardous materials can be disposed of safely. Babylon Village residents only. Picture I.D. must be presented.

### And a new, free Village Program...Paper Shredding!

Along with your S.T.O.P items, bring your personal household documents (ATM receipts, checks, tax records, credit card statements, etc.) that could provide thieves an easy way to steal money or an identity for shredding. All documents are shredded while you watch and then recycled. No need to remove staples or paper clips. Protect the environment **and** your personal information. No cardboard, plastic or hard drives, please! 9AM-12PM. Village residents only. Photo I.D. required.

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

*Saturday*, October 18th will be a fun-filled day in Babylon Village as the Chamber of Commerce hosts it's annual **Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair**. Deer Park Avenue will be closed from Montauk Highway to Railroad Avenue and the streets and sidewalks filled with carnival games, foods prepared by local eateries and special shopping values.

The 16th Annual **Apples & Art Festival** at the Conklin House will be held that weekend, as well. The Art portion will be open to the public on Friday, October 17th, 7-9PM; Saturday, October 18th from 11AM-4PM and Sunday, October 19th from 12-3PM. The Apple Festival will take place on the Conklin House Green on Saturday, October 18 from 12-4PM.

On Saturday morning, October 18th, the Post Office Café will host its 21st Annual **5K and 1K Fun Run\***. Hundreds of runners and walkers will wind their way through the streets of Babylon.

*\*Some streets in the southerly end of the Village will be closed temporarily during race hours*



## GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee **Kevin Muldowney** reports the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course was the site of fun and fierce competition during the summer. On June 23, the Club hosted 25 young golfers for the Junior Metropolitan Golf Association Tournament. The winner of the boys competition was J. Holland Humphries of New York City, with a score of 29, two over par. Diane Cready of Brooklyn was the girls winner with a score of 37. Congratulations to all the participating youngsters.

The Women's League had over 90 women play in their July 9th "Rally for A Cure" breast cancer fundraising tournament. Low gross winner Mary Alice Markham shot a score of 32.

The "Village Cup", a competition open to all village organizations, will be held in late September. Past winners have been the Babylon Booster Club, The Men's League team from the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course, the Lions Club and the Babylon Fire Department team. The 2013 winners were the Babylon Rotary team, represented by Mark Howard and Jim Wichert. Hopefully, both will return to defend their title this year.

Babylon Village resident Lenny Butler had a great summer on the course this year with not one but *two* hole-in-ones; one in May and another in July. We hope to see him on the PGA circuit pretty soon!



*Pictured above: Deputy Mayor Kevin Muldowney and Mayor Ralph Scordino with Matt, Shawn & Victoria from the Junior Metropolitan PGA with tournament participants.*

## STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT

The Suffolk Anglers Club hosted its 6th Annual **Striped Bass Fishing Tournament** at the Village Municipal Dock on June 8. Over 40 boats participated in the event, leaving the dock with a 6AM shotgun start. Ten hours later, Mark Wroblewski was the tournament winner with a striped bass weighing in at 49.9 lbs. However, Hospice Care Network was the real winner of the day after being presented with a donation from the Suffolk Anglers Club and tournament sponsor Miller's Ale House Restaurant in Deer Park.



## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

**H**urricane season is here and residents are reminded there are steps you can take to be prepared. All homes should have a disaster supply kit which would allow families to be self-sufficient for several days. Secure all items on your property. Be sure to listen to the advice of local officials regarding evacuation and safety measures. If a situation occurs where you have to evacuate your home, it is important that you turn off your utilities (gas and electric) at their main source. Please visit the Babylon Fire Department website for more important tips, [www.babylonfd.com](http://www.babylonfd.com).

## FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

**B**abylon Village Fire Chief Michael Sasuk would like to remind all residents to practice fire safety all year round.

- It is imperative that your house number be posted and visible from the street for police, fire and rescue personnel to find you in the event of an emergency;
- Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm batteries should also be changed when turning your clocks back for Eastern Standard time on November 2.

## BOATING SEASON WINDS DOWN

"**W**orth the wait", says Babylon Village Trustee **Kevin Muldowney**, referring to the newly revamped marina at Lewis Pond and Boynes Canal. While some boaters experienced a two week delay accessing their berths, "the new Brazilian hardwood decking along with the new lighting and bulk heading make the marina one of the best around. All this work was not accomplished without some glitches but the end result was great." Many thanks to Skip Gardener and his crew for the guidance and finishing touches on the project.

All boats in Village Berths should be out of the water by December 1st, so as not to hinder the Village's winter ice breaking program. Winter boat berths are available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. This program is also available to non-village residents. Call the Village Clerk's office at **669-1500** for information.



## HALLOWEEN IS APPROACHING

Please discuss Halloween evening activities with your children and remind them that it should be a night of respectful fun. Babylon Village has a zero tolerance policy regarding destruction of property.



Residents are responsible for any debris left in the street or at the curb by their landscaping companies. Any leaves or other debris left behind should be bagged by the resident and placed in their yard until their regular rubbish pick-up day.



## VILLAGE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Trustee **Anthony Davida** reports that once again, our Village Pool, that gem on the Great South Bay, provided an escape for residents and their families from the summer heat. Attendance was sky-high and all swim programs were at capacity. The Pool is just one of the many venues that makes our Village a special place to live but it does take a lot of manpower and effort to maintain. Kudos to the 2014 pool staff and the Babylon Village Highway Department for all their hard work during the summer. In addition, we thank the Babylon Beautification Society for once again donating the lovely flowers and plants that enhance the pool landscape.

Trustee **Carol Amelia** reports that well over 400 children registered for the Village-sponsored basketball, tennis and gymnastics recreation programs which ran five days a week for six weeks during July and August. We thank our directors who supervised all the recreation programs: Bryanna Kelly (gymnastics), Sean Logan (basketball) and Daniel Coyne (tennis).



Young Babylon Village residents enjoying the summer recreation basketball program.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT NOTES

As boating season comes to a close, please be mindful of the following codes:

- Boat storage in residential areas is allowed from November 1 through April 1st ONLY each year. Boat storage is prohibited on residential property at any other time.
- There must be at least one clear side yard of 10 feet remaining, and the boat cannot be placed within the front yard setback.
- Boats must be stored in a safe and secure fashion.
- Boats stored on residential property must be emptied of gasoline and other combustible materials during the storage period.

If you have questions on any Building Department issue, please call **669-1300**, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM.

## CONKLIN HOUSE NEWS



Trustee **Debbie Basile** reports another busy season at the Conklin House. On May 19th, members of the Steering Committee hosted their annual **Youth Volunteer Thank You Party**, (this year's theme was *Make Your Own Sundae*) for the Juliettes, a group of young women grades 7-12 whose mission is specifically to provide volunteers. The Conklin House depends greatly on their time and talent at events throughout the year and is grateful for their help and enthusiasm.

We are so pleased the Conklin House is being utilized on a regular basis serving so many community interests. To that end, The Conklin House is sponsoring a photo exhibit entitled ***A View of Babylon***. It will be held at the house on Friday, September 19th with a reception from 7-9PM and open again on Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st from 1-3PM. The exhibit features scenes from around the Village taken by photographers both amateur and professional. An added treat will be a display of old postcards lent by the Historical Society; vintage photos and a collection of cameras lent to the House by a local artist. You can still sign up and participate by calling the Conklin House at **669-8164**.

The **Apples & Art Festival** starts Friday, October 17, with an artists reception from 7-9 PM. The public is invited to meet and view local artists' works inside the Conklin House. The house opens again for the artwork to be viewed on Saturday from 11 AM-4 PM, and Sunday from 12 noon-3 PM. Co-chairs for this event are Karen Petz and Larry Nye.

The **Apple Festival** takes place on the Conklin House Green on Saturday, October 18 from 11 AM-4 PM, offering locally grown apples, cider and pies. Family activities will include children's games, pumpkin picking fun and stuffing a life-size scarecrow to take home. This event chairperson is Margaret Rohl. She is collecting jeans, button-down shirts and old ties for the scarecrow booth. If you have items to donate please call Margaret at **(516) 356-1294**.

The proceeds of all events at the Conklin House, along with donations from the public, go toward the restoration and maintenance of this historic house as well as the cultural art programs that are provided throughout the year. The Steering Committee thanks all those who support the preservation of this Village treasure.



### Seniors and Veterans...

Check the Village website at [www.villageofbabylonny.gov](http://www.villageofbabylonny.gov) for current criteria and filing dates for senior and veteran tax exemptions.



## TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Trustee **Carol Amelia** reminds residents that applications for the **Village Tree Planting Program** must be received by September 19 for the Fall planting of curb line trees in front of residents' homes. For more details, call the Mayor's office at **669-1212**.

## DECORATE A LAMP POST FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, November 30th will be **Lamp Post Decorating Day** in Babylon Village. The Babylon Beautification Society donates all the trimmings for all the old-fashioned lampposts throughout our Village, and families, groups, and businesses volunteer to do the decorating. BBS will have a sign-up table at the October 18th Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, or you can sign up online at [www.babylonbeautification.org](http://www.babylonbeautification.org).



## **BABYLON VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 1	Labor Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
September 7	Beautification Society Country Fair
September 27	S.T.O.P. / Shred Day
October 13	Columbus Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
October 17	Artists Reception at the Conklin House
October 18	Chamber of Commerce Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair
October 18	Apples & Art Festival
October 18	Post Office 5K Race
November 11	Veterans Day (Village Hall Closed) (please contact the American Legion at 669-0094 for ceremony details)
November 27	Thanksgiving Day (Village Hall Closed) *
December 5	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Night of Shopping
December 5	Christmas At The Conklin House
December 7	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 7	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society
December 7	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

**\* There is no garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When your rubbish/recycling collection day falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call 669-4878, Monday - Friday, 7AM - 4PM.

**Village Hall Hours:** Monday through Friday 9AM - 5PM

**Highway & Sanitation Hours:** Monday through Friday 7AM - 4 PM

*website: [www.villageofbabylonny.gov](http://www.villageofbabylonny.gov)*

669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	669-1212	Livingston Center
669-1300	Assessor	587-7707	Municipal Pool
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Parks Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House

Police..... 911

Fire & Rescue..... 911 or 226-1212

### **Village Boards Meeting Dates**

- **Board of Trustees** - meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** - Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in Village Hall.
- **Planning Board** - Meets the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Architectural Review Board** -Meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.



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